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## DEFENSE SAVINGS BONDS AND STAMPS

BANK WITH YOUR COUNTRY is the theme of this effective Defense Savings poster now seen in store windows and in the lobbies of buildings all over the country. Drawn by artist Henry Billings, of Rhinebeck, N. Y., the poster portrays the spirit of patriotism by investing in the United States Government through the purchase of Defense Bonds and Stamps. Stamps are priced from 10 cents to \$5; Bonds from \$18.75 to \$10,000.

## Tire Rationing Boards at Work; Torrance Quota 39 Tires, 33 Tubes

Local tire rationing boards got down to business of apportioning what few tires and tubes were made available by the federal government's recent edict in order to conserve the nation's rubber supply.

Number of new tires available for the rest of this month in Torrance was 15 new auto tires, 13 new auto tires tubes, 24 new truck tires and 20 new truck tire tubes.

The 45 cities of the county were allotted 3,594 new auto tires, 3,008 new tubes, 5,376 new truck tires and 4,491 new tubes. The unincorporated area within the 12 sheriff's substations was allotted only 291 new auto tires, 244 new tubes, 391 new truck tires and 329 new tubes.

Among the cities, Avalon was at the bottom of the list, with one auto tire and tube and three truck tires and tubes. West Covina was second with two new auto tires, and one tube, while the new City of Palos Verdes Estates was allotted two auto tires and two tubes.

Members of the Torrance tire rationing board are John Melville, 1425 Beach ave.; Wallace H. Gilbert, 1821 Cota ave.; and Mrs. Tom McGuire, 1411 Beach ave., with Howard G. Locke, 1824 Andrea ave., and L. B. Kelsey, 817 Madrid ave., alternates.

The local board meets from 2 to 4 p. m. daily except Saturday in the mayor's office in the city hall to hear requests and give information. Mrs. McGuire said the only certificates of purchase now being extended are given to physicians, ambulances, fire fighting, police, public health and safety, garbage disposal and other sanitation services; mail, passenger vehicles with a capacity for 10 or more persons, and trucks or other vehicles used for transportation of ice, building material, common carriers, waste and scrap materials.

The first new tire and tube purchase application approved by the Torrance rationing board went to Mrs. Bessie V. Myers, 1417 Post ave., Tuesday. She obtained permission to buy two tires and tubes for the Stone and Myers' ambulance.

The board has named these four inspectors to check applicant's tires, Ryan K. Daggett, 1454 Marcella; Harvel Guttenfelder, 1530 Cravens; Don I. Miller, 1318 Sartori; and David Jacobs, 1234 Carrillo. All are tire dealers except Jacobs, a plumber and former tire dealer.

## Large Housing Project for H. C.

Two housing sites for defense workers, one for 400 dwellings in Harbor City and the other for 500 units in Compton, were reported approved this week by the Federal Works Agency in Washington and work will start when funds are available and an agreement can be worked out between the cities of Los Angeles and Compton.

The Harbor City housing site is reported to consist of 37 acres, bounded by 253rd st., Petroleum ave., 254th st., Marigold ave., Pacific Coast (101) highway and Vermont ave.

## Motorist Loses Car and Cash

Torrance police and deputies from Firestone Station, sheriff's department, launched a widespread search for two men said to be in Army uniform who robbed Hubert C. Carlier of 1944 1/2 Ellendale, Place of \$2 and his automobile Monday.

Carlier reported to local police that he had given the two men a lift when he saw them standing at the intersection of Alameda and Sixth streets, Los Angeles. They said they were going to San Diego, he reported, and as Carlier nears Firestone boulevard and Alameda street, one of the men pulled a gun and forced him to drive to Torrance where the gas tank ran low.

When Carlier was unable to find a station open the men took his cash and left him stranded, stating that they would leave the car on a San Diego street. The car is described as a 1941 Chevrolet coupe, license No. 5W4241. San Diego police at noon today reported they had not found the car there.

## MEN HAVE 3 DAYS TO SIGN FOR SERVICE

There will be three days of registration for the third enrollment of the nation's manpower under the Selective Service Act, it was learned at Selective Service Board No. 280 yesterday as the dates of Saturday, Sunday and Monday, Feb. 14, 15 and 16, were announced for the men 20 to 44 years of age.

Eleven registration centers have been designated in this district to be open from 7 a. m. to 9 p. m., each of those days to enroll all men whose 20th birthday was on or before Dec. 31, 1941 and have not attained their 45th birthday on Feb. 16, 1942 and who have not heretofore registered under the Selective Service Act.

The registration places designated by Board No. 280 are: IN TORRANCE: At the board's headquarters, 1337 El Prado; Columbia Steel, National Supply, Hydrex, Walteria Recreation Center, Perry School in North Torrance; and perhaps the Civic Auditorium. IN LOMBITA: At the V. F. W. Hall, on Lomita Blvd. IN GARDENA: At the American Legion hall, 1238 Gardena Blvd. and IN PALOS VERDES ESTATES: At the city offices, 10 Malaga Cove.

A "school of instruction" for all volunteer registrars will be held the night of Feb. 13 at a place yet to be announced.

**SMALL FIRE LOSS**  
A short-circuit of an electric wire caused a fire resulting in about \$10 damage to the office of the Torrance Lumber Company late yesterday afternoon.

## Quake Repairs Pass \$100,000 As Work Gains

Reconstruction of 40 major buildings here is making Torrance look even worse than it did following the Nov. 14 earthquake but plans for the work indicates that when all of the jobs are completed the city will present a far more modern aspect.

The city engineer's office estimates that the reconstruction that has been completed, is now in progress and jobs ready to start represents an improvement of more than \$100,000. Only in one instance, the Southern California Gas Company building at Post and Cravens ave., have owners decided not to rebuild. All the rest of the structures damaged by the quake are being improved considerably, many of them with attractive new fronts.

City Engineer Glenn Jain said that his department has only three sets of plans yet to be approved and these would be in the hands of the builders with the city's recommendations by the first of next week. During the past week six projects were started here, the building permits totalling \$467,000.

These were: Dr. W. H. Lorenz of North Hollywood, reconstruction of the Calvert apartment building at 1006 Sartori ave., \$2,600; G. O. Gartz, reconstruction of the Torrance Municipal Water department building at 1510 Cravens ave., \$6,995; Long Beach Building and Loan, reconstruction of stores and Castle apartment building at 1218 El Prado, \$20,000; I. H. Hawkins, reconstruction of store building at 1317-19 Sartori ave., \$2,000; Mabel Sandeland, reconstruction of stores and apartment building at 1415-17 Marcella ave., \$2,200; and James L. Lynch, reconstruction of stores and hotel building at 1646 Carrillo ave., \$12,000.

Other building permits issued during the past week were: E. Drake, rebuilding fireplace at 2275 Torrance Blvd., \$180; Mrs. Mosler, demolition of rear wall of her store building at 1312-24 Sartori ave., \$250; Wendell Forgie, two-family frame and stucco residence of three rooms each above a four-car garage at 821 1/2-25 1/2 Sartori ave., \$4,500; Paul Skaggs, reconstruction of a four-room moved-in house at 1420 El Prado, \$400; Southern California Gas Company, demolition of building at 1405 Cravens ave., \$750.

Roberts Liquor Store, neon sign at 1281 Sartori ave., \$100; Assembly of God, remodeling building at 1741 Border ave. for church purposes, \$1,000; Harry M. Abramson, reconstruction of chimney and foundations at 1603 Post ave., \$100; LaVerne V. Pearson, five-room frame and stucco residence and two-car garage at 2122 Martina ave., \$3,250; Bank of America, re-roof building at 1380 Sartori ave., \$230; G. Mowry, termite control at Mowry Court, 1617 Arlington ave., \$450.

## Auto License Hours Changed

For the convenience of the national defense workers, the Torrance branch office of the State Motor Vehicle department 1316 Border ave. is now open from 10 a. m. to 6 p. m. weekdays except Saturday when the license plate headquarters will close at 1 p. m.

Although the 1942 license plate renewal season is nearly half gone, less than one third of the 3,000,000 motorists of California thus far have applied for their "cover strip" plates.

Blaming war conditions for the apparent apathy of the vehicle owners toward registration renewal, department officials said large numbers are due to pay penalties equal to 100 percent of their fee if they neglect to file application before Feb. 4, the delinquent date.

## Kiwanis Installs New Officers

Altho John E. McColl, retiring president, was unable to be present and go thru the formalities of turning over the club gavel to President-elect Gaston Arca—he was called to San Francisco on business—the Kiwanis club installed its new officers last Monday night at the Woman's clubhouse was a delightful affair. About 60 were present to welcome the new officers who were inducted by Logan R. Cotton of Redondo Beach, lieutenant-governor.

## For America, Give!



## \$1,698 Raised Here, Quota Still Far Off

With a total of \$1,698.49 collected to date, the city of Torrance was still a long way today from its quota of \$9,950 for the American Red Cross war fund campaign. Mrs. R. R. Smith, local branch chairman, in announcing the donation total this morning, declared that the drive was proceeding with "unabated vigor" and expressed the hope that the city would reach its quota within a week's time.

The Torrance drive started last Friday night with a meeting of workers in the Civic Auditorium. Among those present were members of every precinct election official group in the city and it is the election workers, headed by their precinct inspectors, who are conducting the house-to-house campaign here. Each election board is serving as a team in addition to a score or more of other volunteer canvassers who intend to seek Red Cross contributions from every resident before they consider the campaign closed.

Meanwhile, donations are being received daily at the Red Cross Production headquarters, 1628 Cravens ave. The officers of the local branch, in collaboration with Jack Hallanger, deputy city clerk who is general chairman in charge of the Torrance drive, fixed the \$9,950 quota on a basis of population considering that the county's contribution to the national 60 million dollar campaign is \$2,500,000.

"We hope to reach a quota which is \$1 per person in Torrance, men, women and children," Hallanger said. "All of us know the need is great and we know what the Red Cross is so our campaign workers do not have to 'sell their product' to the public. It only means a lot of work contacting every one in the city."

Mrs. Smith, speaking of Red Cross work in general here, said that the Production headquarters is now running short of sewing material and for that reason issued a plea for donations of old shirts, linens, paper bags and wrapping paper to keep the volunteer workers busy. Donations may be left at 1528 Cravens ave.

## Cities May Get Defense Fund

The 45 cities of Los Angeles county and some of its unincorporated area will be allotted money from the \$100,000,000 federal fund to provide gas masks, medical supplies and other needs for the defense of their civil populations, according to word received by the county supervisors from Washington.

Wayne Allen, the board's contact man in the national capital, said he had induced the government to make an exception for some of the unincorporated area because the huge Vultee and Douglas Long Beach plants were located outside cities.

## Torrance Has 10th Largest Japanese Population in U. S.

The 10th largest Japanese population center in the entire United States is right here in Torrance.

The total number of Japanese in the U. S. is 126,947, of whom 79,642 were born in this country or in its territories and possessions and 47,805 are foreign born. Ten cities of the U. S. contain 47,779 of the total Japanese population with Los Angeles heading the list.

The other cities, in order, are Seattle, San Francisco, Sacramento, New York, Oakland, Portland, Berkeley, Stockton and Torrance, which has 1,189 of whom 781 are U. S. born and citizens and 408 are aliens.

Then come Tacoma, San Diego, Fresno, Pasadena, Alameda, Long Beach, Belvedere township in L. A. County and Gardena, which has a total of 509 of whom 350 are citizens and 159 are aliens.

There is considerable drop in the Los Angeles first place figures of 23,321 Japanese to Seattle's second place standing with 6,975, and San Francisco's 5,280. The cities mentioned below Torrance all have less than a thousand Japanese within their limits.

## John Fess Jr. Said Missing at Pearl Harbor

A brief telegram from the War Department informed Mr. and Mrs. John Fess of 1729 Arlington ave., Friday that their son John Jr., was reported missing at Pearl Harbor. No further information has been received by the well-known pioneer residents but they are hoping that their sailor son, who enlisted June 13, 1939, will soon be reported in active service.

John Fess Jr., is a fireman first class who was born in Torrance and attended schools here. The last message his parents received from him was a Christmas card dated Nov. 26 and mailed from Honolulu. The card was received here the first week in Dec. and it reported that he was planning to write a long letter home after his next payday which was to be Dec. 5 — just two days before the Japanese launched their surprise attack on Pearl Harbor.

He was home for a visit the last time on Oct. 15 shortly after he finished a Diesel engineering course at San Diego. John Jr., was 21 years old last September.

## Fed. Auto Tax Stickers Go On Sale Jan. 26

The U. S. treasury department said this week that the new automobile tax stickers would go on sale Jan. 26 in postoffices and federal revenue offices throughout the country.

The first sticker, which every private automobile or truck will have to carry after Feb. 1, will cost \$2.09 and will be good until July 1, when new stickers will be sold at the annual rate of \$5 apiece. Other stickers at varying costs will be sold for all other types of motor vehicles and motor boats.

To begin with, the treasury is going to ask motorists to go to postoffices or revenue offices and buy stickers on their own initiative. A record will be kept of those who pay and compared with registration lists to find out how many people will have to be reminded of the new tax, which was enacted by congress last fall.

The first sticker will be a green revenue stamp showing a liberty bell design.

## Blast at Steel Plant Reported 'Nothing Unusual'

An explosion last night at the Columbia Steel plant, a blast which aroused many local residents and alarmed quite a few, caused no damage, according to Superintendent Otto Kresse today. He said the blast was "nothing unusual" and denied there was any evidence of sabotage.

The proportion of the American born to the aliens indicate that the majority must be the offspring of the early arrivals.

In Iowa there are 24 Japanese and but five are alien born. There are less than one hundred Japanese in Minnesota, Missouri, North and South Dakota and Kansas respectively, but for some reason Nebraska is fairly rich with 480. However, 325 are citizens against 157 aliens proving that the industry of the Japs extends to fields other than farming and butting.

Only 3 in Arkansas  
The mountain states of Montana, Idaho, Wyoming, Colorado, New Mexico, Arizona, Utah and Nevada have a total of 874 Japanese with the largest numbers in Colorado, Utah and Idaho. Of the east south central states, Kentucky has nine, Tennessee 12 and Alabama 21.

In the south central states, we find Texas with only 453 Japanese in its nearly seven millions of population and Arkansas with but three, the least Japanese representation in any state except Mississippi with its one and West Virginia and Vermont which tie with Arkansas.

## Council Adopts Law Creating Defense Group

(As another expression of its war-time policy of offering the fullest, authentic information possible on all matters pertaining to public safety and welfare, The Herald presents a full page of Civilian Defense data on Page 4—A of this issue. This material, together with the complete text of the emergency ordinance for creating a local Defense Council which was adopted Tuesday night by the city council and is published on Page 6—A, is of vital interest to every resident.—EDITOR.)

Adoption of an emergency measure of an ordinance creating a local defense council and prescribing its duties, and responsibilities by the city council Tuesday night is expected to remedy a singular situation here. Ordinarily there are more "generals" appointed or self-appointed in volunteer groups than there are "privates." In the case of the Torrance Civilian Defense program, the opposite has been true.

Police Chief John Stroh has been carrying on the organization of the local defense project almost single handed. Ordinance No. 334, which is now in effect, provides that the Defense Council shall consist of a city councilman, City Attorney, Police Chief, City Engineer and up to three others appointed by the city council. This group shall name a chairman and vice-chairman and may appoint a secretary who need not be a member of the Defense Council.

Members of this board shall serve for one year and may be removed by a four-fifths vote of the city council. Vacancies shall be filled by the mayor with the city council's approval. Duties of the defense leaders include coordination of all activities and individuals, stimulate public interest in defense works, form plans for public safety, health and welfare and plan a major disaster program.

No Appointments Yet  
Six auxiliary committees are to be formed for Civil Protection, Human Resources and Skills, Health, Welfare and Consumer Interest, Transportation, Housing, Works and Facilities, Public Information and Industrial Resources and Production. Each of these groups will be headed by a member of the Defense Council.

No intimation was given by the council Tuesday night when the various appointments would be made but the group has a regular meeting scheduled for Jan. 27 and the selections may be announced at that time. Other matters transacted at the session this week were:

Judge John Shidler was given a leave of absence from Feb. 9 to 20 to do some work out of the state; he said his duties would be continued during that period at no extra expense to the city.

Pay Architects Fees  
A request for payment of \$49.22 from the Lincoln Building and Loan Association's assistant secretary, W. E. Bowen, was turned over to City Engineer Glenn Jain. The Association claimed its privately installed 15-foot sewer line, running south from 1635 Cedar st. to the intersection of ally north of Carson and Cedar sts., was tapped by the city 60 days after it was laid in December 1939 for a municipal extension to the intersection of El Dorado and Cedar. Engineer Jain was authorized to "dicker" with the Association by offering two or three free house connections (regular fee \$25 each) in settlement of the claim.

Start Plans for '42 Hobby Show  
Declaring that "ordinary work of life should be maintained whenever possible," a group of eight local residents, headed by Fay L. Parks, decided at a dinner-meeting last night to go ahead with plans for the 1942 Torrance Flower, Art and Hobby Show. They advise hobbyists and handicrafters to start now preparing exhibits for the display next September.

Parks and his group cannot say for certain that the Show, sponsored last year by the Rotary club to take the place of the Torrance Factory Frolic, will be held this fall but they want to give potential exhibitors a time to prepare for it. Others attending the meeting were Mesdames Cora Bohrer, Robert Deinger, L. B. Kelsey, Miss Ada Chase, Dale Riley and Hugh Sherry.

SAILOR IS SAFE  
Robert M. Steadman, who arrived in Pearl Harbor 10 days before the Japanese attack, is well and doing his bit as a sailor for Uncle Sam, his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Steadman of 1020 Portola ave., learned this week in the first letter from him since the outbreak of war.

S. W. O. C. MEETING  
An important meeting will be held by members of S. W. O. C. Lodge No. 1414 tonight (Thursday) at 7:30 o'clock in the Steel Workers' hall opposite the fire station on Cravens ave.

WE KNOW SOME  
The United States will patrol the Burma road, and local recipients of traffic-violation tickets hope their pet policemen will be drafted for the job.

## Books Wanted for Service Men



Local contributions to the nation-wide Victory Book Drive, which started Monday in all cities having libraries under the sponsorship of the American Library Association, are being accepted at the Torrance library. In fact, Mrs. Dorothy Jamieson, librarian, is so anxious to obtain a large amount of good reading material for soldiers, sailors and marines that she offers to go out and collect donations from those who are unable to bring them to the library.

"But we only want books which you and I like to read," she pleads. No one likes to read a "lot of junk" so only volumes which local residents have really enjoyed—rousing action stories, gripping mystery yarns, well-spun tales—are welcome. Money gifts, which will be turned into books to be placed in camps, posts, stations, ships and at U. S. O. centers, are likewise most acceptable, Mrs. Jamieson announces.

Plans for Repair of H. S. Science Bldg. Being Completed  
Finishing touches to the plans and specifications for the reconstruction of the high school science building, badly damaged by the Nov. 14 earthquake and subsequently closed, are being made this week at the office of the Los Angeles city school district architect, Principal Thomas H. Elson said.

The building is to be thoroughly remodeled in order to bring it up to present-day school design and the work will cost approximately \$42,500. Principal Elson is still hoping that a cafeteria department will be added to the school facilities at the same time the quake-damaged building is reconstructed but he has not been assured that this needed unit will be permissible under the priority system for structural steel.